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Issue Date:

October 25, 2016

Effective Date:

January 1, 2017

Background:

Per All County Letter (ACL) No. 16-66, the MFG rule is repealed.

Policy:

As of January 1, 2017 children with MFG status must have their needs included in the MAP, if all other conditions of eligibility are met. This applies to children currently designated MFG, as well as future children born to the Assistance Unit (AU). This change will not be applied retroactively.

Child Support

AUs with former MFG children are subject to child support requirements.

Other Income

Benefits derived from Social Security or other government programs based on the absent parent's disability or retirement and paid to or on behalf of the child, will no longer be exempt from consideration as income in the grant computation.

Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)

Inform recipients of their new IRT amount anytime it changes.

Impacts:

- CalFresh: Recalculate CalFresh benefits for households whose CalWORKs grants have been adjusted. Provide adequate notice to all CalFresh households of any change to their CalFresh benefits as a result of the recalculation.
- Automation: CalWIN updates to reflect these new regulations are in progress.
- Forms: The following forms have been revised to remove language referencing the MFG rule:
 - o CW 2.1Q (07/16) Support Questionnaire
 - o CW 215 (07/16) Notification Of Intercounty Transfer
 - Also revised to remove references to SAWS 2, SAWS 2A QR, QR 7, and QR 25A forms
 - o CW 2103 (06/16) Reminder For Teens Turning 18 Years Old
 - CW 2218 (07/16) Rights, Responsibilities And Other Important Information For The CalWORKs Program (Non-needy Caretaker Relative With Relative Foster Child)
 Note: SAWS 2A SAR is currently being revised by the State, as part of the SAWS 2 Plus

As of January 1, 2017 the following forms and Notices of Action (NOAs) are obsolete and should no longer be used:

- o CW 2102 (08/00) The Maximum Family Grant (MFG) Rule for Recipients of Cash Aid
- o M44-314 (11/00) Maximum Family Grant, Approval
- o M44-314A (11/00) Maximum Family Grant, Other
- M44-314B (11/00) Maximum Family Grant, Change

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o M44-314C (09/97) - Maximum Family Grant, Change

New Forms and NOA Messages

- TEMP 2260 (08/16) Changes To The California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) Maximum Family Grant (MFG) Rule
 - Form sent to all AUs to inform them of changes to the MFG rule.
- o TM44-314 (08/16) Maximum Family Grant Repealed
 - This NOA informs AUs that the:
 - AU size increased due to the inclusion of a child who was previously deemed subject to the MFG rule
 - Monthly grant has changed due to the inclusion of an additional AU member

Document Capture:

Manually-generated notice and/or forms signed by the client are to be submitted for document capture

References:

EAS 44-314 (http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/entres/getinfo/pdf/12EAS.pdf#page=25) ACL 16-66 (http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-66.pdf)

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by October 31, 2017.

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Approval for Release:

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